Boss
"Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

What is BOSS???

- The **B**etter **O**pportunities for **S**ingle **S**oldiers program was established in 1989 to support the overall well-being/quality of life for single and unaccompanied soldiers. The BOSS program supports the chain of command by identifying quality of life (QOL) issues and concerns and by providing recommendations for QOL improvement. The BOSS program encourages and assists single soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. It provides an opportunity for single soldiers to participate in and contribute to their respective communities. The BOSS program is intended to enhance command authority, prerogative, and responsibility in maintaining standards of conduct, good order, and discipline, not to dilute.

HISTORY OF BOSS

- BOSS program established in 1989.
- Military District of Washington's BOSS program came on line in 1991.
- Established to respond to the recreational needs of single soldiers who make up 35% of today's Army.
- Primary concern of single soldiers was quality of life.
- Army officially expanded BOSS to include all aspects of soldiers' lives with the introduction of the DA CIR 608-97-1 in 1997

BOSS COMMITTEES

- All Army installations will have a formal BOSS program, which should include an established BOSS Committee.
- The Committee will include the following President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, BOSS representative of major subordinate commands and separate units.
- “Open-meetings” are held at least once a month where all the unit representatives attend.

BOSS COMPONENTS

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Quality of life primarily deals with those things that the single soldiers can directly or indirectly influence to enhance their morale, living environment, personal growth and development.
- General issues include heating /air conditioning, phone/cable, and living space in the barracks
- Utilizing the chain of command by trying to solve issues at the lowest level and encouraging working together to find solutions to each situation.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

- Activities may be planned solely by BOSS.
- In association with other MWR activities.
- Soldiers assume the primary role in planning BOSS events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Our BOSS Concil often participate in these and othe community programs or projects which make a difference in the lives of others, the community, and ultimately themselves.
  - ACS food baskets.
  - Homeless clothes shelter driver
  - Visits to hospitals
  - Visits to the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home
  - So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E)
  - Many other events including every MDW, MWR and USO events.

WHAT BOSS DOES FOR MILITARY

Volunteer

All installation events
at events

Army Ten-Miler

NCR Events(Special Olympics,
Runs, Memorials, Museums,
Red Cross/Blood Drives/ Life
Guarding and other Training

So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E)

Fund Raiser

Concession booths

Car Washes

Bake Sales